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DIST 4 FEBRUARY 1968

COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI 1200-1300 HOURS 4 FEBRUARY 1968.

SUBJECT KONTUM CITY, KONTUM PROVINCE SITUATION REPORT
1330 HOURS, 4 FEBRUARY 1968.

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SOURCE

1. AS OF 1200 HOURS, 4 FEBRUARY, MORTARING OF U.S. AND GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM INSTALLATION CONTINUED, MIXED WITH INTERMITTENT SMALL ARMS FIRE. IT WAS THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL CAS PROVINCE ADVISOR THAT ACTION WILL CONTINUE WITH THE ENEMY STILL PLANNING TO TRY TO OVERRUN THE CITY. PRESENTLY KONTUM CITY IS UNDER CONTROL OF FRIENDLY FORCES, BUT SNIPING CONTINUES BOTH DURING DAYLIGHT AND NIGHTTIME HOURS. THE AIRFIELD HAS BEEN CONSIDERED SECURE. ESTIMATED ENEMY CASUALTIES STAND AT 825 KIA, WITH ACTUAL BODY COUNT AT 695 KIA.

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2. IN GENERAL, THE LOCAL POPULACE APPEARS
APATHETIC TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, TRYING TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT IN
THE ACTION AND INJURED. THEY ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER AND
HOLD THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY. TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO
SIGNS OF SYMPATHY OR AID FOR THE ENEMY AMONG THE LOCAL POPULACE.

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